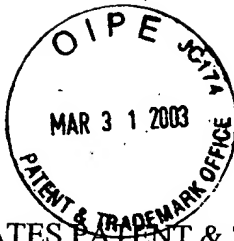


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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated December 31, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

At the outset, Applicants' representative wishes to thank Examiner Mitchell for the helpful and courteous discussion held with her on March 17, 2003, during which the prosecution of the above-identified application was materially advanced. The following remarks will expand and summarize the issues discussed.

The present claims relate to pressurized metered dose inhalers ("MDIs"), which contain a solution comprising an active ingredient, a hydrofluorocarbon propellant, and a